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1	A. Yes.	1	A. A write-up that I had received in, I believe,
2	Q. All right. Have you ever had your deposition	2	2019, and there was a log showing access to a record
3 ta	aken before?	3	on the MOCIS system.
4	A. No.	4	Q. The log that you reviewed, did it have black
5	Q. What's going to happen is, I'm going to ask	5	lines through it like it had been crossed out?
6 y e	ou a bunch of questions. I'm hoping that you'll	6	A. I didn't notice, if so.
7 a	nswer them. And then there may be times throughout	7	Q. I want to talk a little bit more about the
8 tr	ne day where your attorney, Mr. Mike Matula, may	8	role that you're in now versus the director of
9 in	terject and he will have, you know, something to	9	nursing role that you were in. Let's start with the
10 sa	ay. He'll say it on the record. And then either	10	timeline. When did you become the director of
11 h	e or I will instruct you to answer.	11	nursing?
12	If he instructs you not to answer, we may have	12	A. In July of 2018.
13 a	dditional conversations about that. But I just	13	Q. Was that your start date with Corizon?
14 w	ant to make sure you understand the logistics of	14	A. My original start date was with CMS in 2006
15 h	ow this goes?	15	and then I left the company it turned into
16	In addition, there is a court reporter who is	16	Corizon, though, when the companies merged. And
17 re	ecording everything that's being said as well as	17	then I left in 2017 for several months. And then I
18 tr	ne video itself is being recorded. Do you	18	came back as DON in July of '18.
19 u	nderstand all of that?	19	Q. So your most recent stint of employment
20	A. Yes.	20	started in July of 2018; is that accurate?
21	Q. All right. I do have some documents to show	21	A. Yes.
22 y e	ou at some point. There is a feature here that	22	Q. Okay. And you were hired directly to be the
23 a l	llows me to display them on the screen that you're	23	director of nursing; is that accurate?
24 Ic	ooking at. My ask is that you let me know if you	24	A. Yes.
25 c	an't see those documents and also that if there's	25	Q. What does CMS stand for?
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1 a	ny confusion about what's there, that we just take	1	A. Correctional Medical Services.
2 ti	he time to get the documents squared away. Do you	2	Q. And is that a previous name of Corizon or is
3 u	nderstand that?	3	that a different company altogether?
4	A. I do.	4	A. I believe that CMS merged with another company
5	Q. Okay. Who do you work for?	5	and formed Corizon Health at some point years ago.
6	A. Corizon Healthcare.	6	I don't remember exactly when or what other company
7	Q. And what do you do for Corizon Healthcare?	7	it merged with.
8	A. I'm a staff nurse, a registered nurse.	8	Q. Okay. And when did you stop being the
9	Q. Is your title staff nurse?	9	director of nursing?
10	A. Yes. I used to be director of nursing, but	10	A. July of 2019.
11 th	nen I went to PRN and now I'm a staff nurse full	11	Q. And why did you stop being the director of
12 ti	me. Well, 36 hours a week.	12	nursing?
13	Q. Okay. Let me ask you this first. What did	13	A. The stress with management. I went to work at
14 y	ou do to prepare for today's deposition?	14	a local hospital for a while and stayed PRN with
15	A. Well, I had a discussion yesterday with the	15	Corizon.
16 a	ttorneys from Ogletree Deakins.	16	Q. Okay. Are you still employed by Corizon now?
17	MR. NUGENT: To clarify, I believe that	17	A. Yes.
18 M	s. Christopher said she had conversations with	18	Q. And are you PRN status now?
19 at	torneys from Ogletree Deakins.	19	A. No. I'm actually 36 hours a week every week
	Q. (By Mr. Nugent) Tammie, I don't want you to	20	now.
20	ell me anything that you and your attorneys talked	21	Q. And your title, I believe, is staff nurse?
	hand Mileat I da mant ta laran than all dina.	22	A. Registered nurse, yeah.
21 t e	bout. What I do want to know, though, is, did you		, a registered naree, yearn
21 t c 22 a	eview any documents in preparing for today?	23	Q. Okay. And so in July of '19 you stepped down
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L	Q. Were you also or was a part of your job	1	medical.
2	duty to reprimand the nurses that you supervised, if	2	Q. All right. So the portion of the facility
3	warranted?	3	where an inmate might go to receive dental care or
1	A. Yes.	4	to receive medical care is the same portion of the
5	Q. What are the services that Corizon provides at	5	facility?
5	Chillicothe?	6	A. Yes.
7	A. Provide healthcare to the offender population.	7	Q. When you were the director of nursing from
, 3	Q. Okay. And with regards to the healthcare,	8	July of '18 to July of '19, were you responsible for
9	does that include medical care?	9	supervising Terri LaBlance?
)	A. Yes.	10	A. No.
L	Q. Does it include dental care?	11	Q. Okay. Did you report to Terri?
2	A. Yes.	12	A. No. My immediate supervisor was Sterling
3	Q. And does it include mental healthcare?	13	Ream.
1	A. They're in a separate building. But, yes,	14	Q. And what was her title while you were the
5	Corizon provides mental healthcare as well.	15	director of nursing?
5	Q. Okay. Are there any other types of medical	16	A. Health services administrator.
7	services that Corizon provides at Chillicothe?	17	Q. Do you know who Terri LaBlance reported to?
3	A. We have optometry come in sometimes. We do	18	A. I believe clinically it would have been the
9	X-ray and lab, but that's part of medical care. So	19	collaborating physician.
)	I'm not sure.	20	Q. Okay. Was your position as director of
L	Q. You mentioned that mental health is in a	21	nursing, did you view that as a management position
2	different building. What is in the building that	22	A. Yes. It's considered site management.
3	houses the dental and medical care?	23	Q. When you started July when you started in
1	A. Everything except mental health.	24	July of 2018, did you receive the harassment policy?
5	Q. Okay. Are the dental providers and the	25	A. I'm sure I did.
l	medical providers in the same portion of the	_	
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2	facility there in Chillicothe?	2	Q. Have you ever had to do an investigation into workplace harassment or discrimination?
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2	A. Not that I recall.	2	Q. You know of him; is that right?
3	Q. Okay. Are there any African Americans that	3	A. Yes, I know of him.
4	work for Corizon at the Chillicothe facility now?	4	Q. Okay. Do you know of a Nicholas Koenig?
5	A. I don't believe so.	5	A. Yes.
6	Q. I want to ask you if you are familiar with a	6	Q. What about April Wolf?
7	few events in, I believe, August or September of	7	A. I believe she's an officer as well.
8	2017. There was a racial slur used by an employee	8	Q. Dustin Lybarger?
9	of Corizon in a conversation with Ms. LaBlance. Are	9	A. He's an officer as well.
10	you familiar with that set of facts as I've	10	Q. Bradley Richards?
11	explained them?	11	A. I think he's a correctional officer as well.
12	A. I heard about it second or thirdhand. I	12	Q. Jeff Parque? (Phonetic on name.)
13	wasn't there for I was at work that day, I	13	A. Yes. I think he's a correctional officer as
14	believe, but I didn't witness it.	14	well.
15	Q. Okay. And that would have been in 2017. Were	15	Q. Mindy Rhodes?
16	you employed by Corizon in 2017?	16	A. Yes. She's a correctional officer.
17	A. I believe I didn't leave until September of	17	Q. Okay. And Phillip Bower?
18	'17.	18	A. Yes. I believe he is or was an officer.
19	Q. Do you recall whether you were interviewed by	19	Q. Of all of those names, are any of them
20	anyone from human resources about the racial slur	20	would you consider any of them friends?
21	that I just referenced?	21	A. I mean, nobody I talk to outside of work.
22	A. I wasn't, but I didn't witness it.	22	Might have been in passing.
23	Q. Do you recall who told you about the racial	23	Q. So none of those names are individuals that
24	slur?	24	you socialize with outside of work?
25	A. I don't. I think I heard it in the lunchroom	25	A. I believe Parque was in a fantasy football
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1	because someone had reported it.	1	league I was in at some point, but not like close
2	Q. When you say you heard it in the lunchroom,	2	friends, no.
3	were there other people talking about what had	3	Q. Earlier you referenced a software system and I
4	happened?	4	believe you called it MOCIS. Is MOCIS M-O-C-I-S?
5	A. Somebody told me in there. I don't remember.	5	A. Yes.
6	Q. What was your response?	6	Q. Okay. Is that an acronym?
7	A. I was shocked.	7	A. I'm sure it is. I don't know exactly what it
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